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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents listed on the accompanying Supplemental Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the foreign patent documents are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☒ (1) within three (3) months of the **filing date** of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), or within three (3) months of the **date of entry of the national stage** as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the **first Office action** on the merits, or before the mailing of a **first Office action** after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; or
- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) above but before the mailing date of any of a **final action** under 37 C.F.R. 1.113, a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
- ☐ the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00**, is included herein; or

- ☐ (3) after the period defined in (2) above but before the payment of the **issue fee**, **AND**
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **AND**
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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

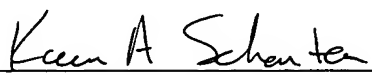
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